

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **December 24, 2003**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-27. Claims 1-6, 8-15, 17-24, and 26-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gongwer et al (USPN 6,138,120, hereinafter "Gongwer") in view of Alegre et al. (USPN 6,199,113, hereinafter "Alegre"). Claims 7, 16 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gongwer in view of Alegre as applied to claims 5, 14 and 24 above, further view of Chatterjee et al. (USPN 6,243, 751, hereinafter "Chatterjee").

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Independent claims 1, 10, and 19 were rejected as being unpatentable over Gongwer in view of Alegre. Applicant respectfully points out that the combined system of Gongwer and Alegre teaches a mechanism for **sharing a single database session** with multiple clients (see Gongwer, Abstract and FIG. 2, and Alegre, Abstract).

In contrast, the present invention is directed to a system that allows sharing a security context for a user **between two or more database sessions** (see FIG. 1 and page 8, lines 4-11 of the instant application). There is nothing within Gongwer or Alegre, either separately or in concert, which suggests sharing a security contest between two or more database sessions.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 10, and 19 to include the limitations of claims 8-9, 17-18, and 26-27, respectively. These amendments find support in FIG. 1 and on page 8, lines 4-11 of the instant application. claims 8-9, 17-18, and 26-27 have been canceled without prejudice.


Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 10, and 19 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-7, which depend upon claim 1, claims 11-16, which depend

upon claim 10, and claims 20-25, which depend upon claim 19, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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